

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. (new) A sharps disposal assembly comprising:  
a receptacle having a top surface;  
an unwinder opening in the surface, the unwinder opening comprising a recess bounded by a first vertical wall circumscribing a horizontal platform, said platform connecting to a second vertical wall projecting downwardly from said platform and circumscribing a horizontal shelf, said shelf connecting to a third vertical wall extending downward from the horizontal shelf, wherein said second wall has a width matching the length of a nose portion of a tube holder.
9. (new) The assembly of claim 8, wherein the receptacle comprises a cap in which the top surface is located, and wherein the unwinder opening is located in a plate section of the cap.
10. (new) The assembly of claim 8, wherein the unwinder opening comprises a V-shaped opening.
11. (new) The assembly of claim 8, further comprising a flap to cover the unwinder opening.
12. (new) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the plate section slants at an angle to the plane of the top surface.